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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Tega Cay Water Service, Incorporated for Adjustment of Rates and Charges

Docket No. 2012-177-WS

Dear Ms. Boyd:


The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") requests that the Public Service Commission ("Commission") deny TCWS's Motions to Strike the testimony of public witnesses. The Motions to Strike were filed with the Commission on January 7, 2013 and January 21, 2013 regarding public witness testimony provided on December 3, 2012 and January 8, 2013.

The public witnesses spent their time and effort attending the scheduled hearings to provide the Commission with information that they thought was important for the Commission to have in deciding this matter. While the Commission granted TCWS permission to make the objections at a much later date, it is nonetheless manifestly unfair to allow the public witness testimony to be struck outside of their presence leaving them no opportunity to respond, offer any support, or present an offer of proof for the record in response to TCWS's objections. Indeed, these witnesses are not represented by counsel and at the time they provided testimony were unaware as to what portion of their testimony was subject to objection.

On the other hand, after the record is closed, TCWS submitted verified testimony on January 23, 2013, in response to public witness testimony provided on January 8, 2013.

ORS respectfully submits that the Commission should review and reconsider the process of allowing counsel for any party to submit objections at a much later date rather than requiring objections to be made contemporaneously.

Respectfully submitted,



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